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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (original). An actuator for a pressurised metered dose inhaler, including:

a tubular section (38) providing an outlet through which medicament is in use inhaled; and

a nozzle block (42) including a tubular element (44) having a free end over which the valve stem (14) of a canister (2) is in use located and a spray orifice (50) in fluid communication with the tubular element (44) for directing a spray into the tubular section (38).

2 (original). The actuator of claim 1, wherein the tubular element (44) is configured such that an outer radial surface thereof is a close fit with an inner radial surface of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).

3 (original). The actuator of claim 2, wherein the tubular element (44) is configured such that an outer radial surface thereof is a tight fit with an inner radial surface of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).

4 (currently amended). The actuator of ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the tubular element (44) is of circular section.

5 (currently amended). The actuator of ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, wherein the

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nozzle block (42) includes an abutment against which in use bears the distal end of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).

6 (original). The actuator of claim 5, wherein the abutment comprises a surface (49) which extends radially outwardly of the tubular element (44).

7 (currently amended). The actuator of ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1, wherein the nozzle block (42) includes a further tubular element (46) co-axial with the first-mentioned tubular element (44) such that the tubular elements (44, 46) define an annular channel (48) in which the valve stem (14) of the canister (2) is in use located.

8 (original). The actuator of claim 7, wherein the further tubular element (46) is configured such that an inner radial surface thereof is a close fit with an outer radial surface of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).

9 (original). The actuator of claim 8, wherein the further tubular element (46) is configured such that an inner radial surface thereof is a tight fit with an outer radial surface of the valve stem (14) of the canister (2).

10 (currently amended). The actuator of ~~any of claims 7 to 9~~claim 7, wherein the further tubular element (46) is of circular section.

11 (currently amended). A pressurised metered dose inhaler comprising the

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actuator of ~~any of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 and a canister (2) including a valve stem (14) |
extending therefrom.